



*worship*  
at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

# Welcome to Altadena Valley

## **We are glad you are here.**

Please visit our website at [www.avpc.org](http://www.avpc.org) for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

Here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They may meet their teachers in the Welcome Center after the Pastoral Prayer. (The worship leader will indicate when the children can exit the sanctuary.) If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.
- As part of our discipleship efforts, we are pleased to offer Sunday School for all ages during the hours of 9:45-10:45. Information sheets with a location map of all classes and a list of topics for the adult classes are available in the Welcome Center and Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

*In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “God Is Love”

How great this love! Oh, it's moving all my mountains. This perfect love, it's casting out my fear. How great this love! Oh, it welcomes me like family and anywhere I go it meets me there. He is good; and he is God. What I earned, it's not what I got. And he is just, yet, oh, so kind. What I deserve, it's not what I find. What more could I say about him? My God is love. How great this love! Oh, it's faithful through my failures. This trusted love is with me 'til the end. How great this love! Oh, it's closer than a brother. This is love: He died so I could live. I know my God is love. This is enough to know my God is love.

Words and music by Chris Renzema, Christian Hale, Patrick Mayberry, and Seth Condrey.

*Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signalling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 107:1-9; 43

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Those who are wise, let them heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord.

*Through God's Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.*

## INVOCATION

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Our welcome  
of one another  
is a tangible  
expression of  
God's welcome  
to us.*

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

PLEASE STAND

#### **"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

### **"His Mercy is More"**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*(Chorus) Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

Words and music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell.

**“God, You’re So Good” (8:30 AM Service)**

Amazing love that welcomes me,  
The kindness of mercy,  
That bought with blood wholeheartedly  
My soul undeserving.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.  
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

Behold the cross, age to age,  
And hour by hour.  
The dead are raised, the sinner saved,  
The work of your power.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.  
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

*(Bridge)* I am blessed, I am called,  
I am healed, I am whole,  
I am saved in Jesus’ name.  
Highly favored, anointed,  
Filled with your power  
For the glory of Jesus’ name. *(Repeat Bridge)*

And should this life bring suffering,  
Lord, I will remember  
What Calvary has bought for me,  
Both now and forever.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.  
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.  
God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.  
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

Words and music by Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Scott Ligertwood.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**O God, Lover of the loveless,**

**It is your will that we should love you,  
with heart, soul, mind, and strength  
and our neighbors as ourselves.**

**But we are not sufficient for these things.**

**There is by nature no pure love in our souls;  
Every affection in us is turned away from you;  
We are bound, as slaves, to lust.**

**We cannot love you,  
lovely as you are,  
until you have set us free.**

**By grace we are free,  
and we would serve you,  
for you are God,  
and through Jesus we are redeemed,  
and our sins are forgiven.**

**Order all our ways by your holy Word  
and make your commandments the joy of our hearts.**

**May we grow in your love  
and manifest it to all humankind.**

**Spirit of Love,  
make us like the loving Jesus  
that we may shine before others to your glory.**

**In his name we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: "Christian Love."

## SILENT CONFESSION

*We encourage you  
to use this time for  
silent reflection.*

*\*Propitiation refers to the turning away of the wrath of God, the just judgment of our sin, by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • 1 John 4:9-11, 19**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation\* for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**(All) We love because he first loved us. Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #81**

### **“O Love of God, How Strong and True”**

O love of God, how strong and true,  
Eternal and yet ever new,  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!  
O love of God, how deep and great,  
Far deeper than man's deepest hate;  
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light,  
Changeless, eternal, infinite.

O heav'nly love, how precious still,  
In days of weariness and ill,  
In nights of pain and helplessness,  
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!  
O wide-embracing, wondrous love!  
We read you in the sky above,  
We read you in the earth below,  
In seas that swell and streams that flow.



We read you best in him who came  
To bear for us the cross of shame;  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.  
We read your pow'r to bless and save,  
E'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light  
We read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay  
Through all the perils of our way!  
Eternal love, in you we rest,  
Forever safe, forever blest.  
We will exalt you, God and King,  
And we will ever praise your name;  
We will extol you ev'ry day,  
And evermore your praise proclaim.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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## **SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 16:1-16**

<sup>16:1</sup> I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. <sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.

<sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. <sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

## **SERMON • “God’s New Society” Rev. Brad Allison**

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Bible passages like the one before us today are easy to skip over. After all, it’s essentially just a long list of names, most of whom we know nothing about beyond what’s written in these verses. It was not unusual for letters in Paul’s day to include a list of greetings at the end. But it is unusual for the list to be as long as this one, in which Paul greets 26 named people. What makes this even more striking is that Paul had not yet even been to Rome. Though it’s likely that Paul didn’t personally know all of these named people, he obviously knew quite a few of them. The value of a passage such as this one is that it gives us insight into the kind of community the gospel creates. Paul has been giving instruction about that since the beginning of chapter 12, and now, through these names, we are provided with an example of such gospel community. I note three marks of such gospel community here.

### **I. Mutuality**

### **II. Unity**

### **III. Generosity**

*As an act of  
worship, we give  
back to God a  
portion of our  
many blessings.*

*"Oh, how good  
it is when the  
family of God  
dwells together in  
spirit, in faith and  
unity; where the  
bonds of peace, of  
acceptance and  
love are the fruit  
of his presence  
here among us."*

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **"Oh, How Good It Is"**

Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity; where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruit of his presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out his Word, till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of his people. Oh, how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn; for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging. Oh, how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend.

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:00 AM Service)**

*Deacons: Steve Driggers, Tom McCallum, Darren Popwell*

*Elders: Paul Barber, John Wimberly*

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICER (11:00 AM Service)**

*Deacon: Drew Russell*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #359

PLEASE STAND

### “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
While each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

## BENEDICTION

*Our worship  
concludes with  
God sending us  
into the world  
with his blessing.*

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 8 - January 14)

Job 38-39 • Job 40-42 • Genesis 11-12 • Genesis 15 • Genesis 16-17

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Verne and Alina Marshall with Mission to the World in Santiago, Chile. They work with churches in Chile and Peru, teaching, counseling, and defending the faith.

- **WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** Please join your AVPC sisters this spring as we study through the book of Galatians. See the church calendar for dates and times. Study books are available in the Parlor for a cost of \$10.00. Questions? Contact Amy MacCaughelty at 205-706-6016.
- **MEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** There are many Bible study and fellowship opportunities for the men of AVPC this spring. See the church calendar for dates and times. Questions? Contact Blake Harris at [blake@avpc.org](mailto:blake@avpc.org).
- **LEGACY MUSEUM TRIP:** The Mercy Leadership Team is inviting you to visit the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum in Montgomery this Saturday, January 13, 2024. You can find the link to sign up through our weekly newsletter.
- **CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES NEXT WEEK:** Do you enjoy singing? Have you been thinking about joining the choir? If so, we would like to invite you to rehearse with the Chancel Choir, which resumes next Sunday, January 14, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in the choir room. This is a great opportunity for you to "try it out" for a week or two to see if this is a way you would like to serve. The choir will sing in many of the morning worship services during the winter/spring season and on Easter Sunday. If you would like more information, contact Heather at [heather@avpc.org](mailto:heather@avpc.org).
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us on Sunday, January 14, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We'll be having chicken and dumplings.
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event on Friday, January 19. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by an informational meeting. You will meet church staff and hear about ministry opportunities. You can sign up on the AVPC website under the Events - Event Registrations tab. Attendance at this or another weekend offered is required for church membership. The deadline to register is next Sunday, January 14.
- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:** Ladies, you are invited to a small group luncheon on January 21 after the late service. The women will meet in groups of 6-8 for lunch and fellowship. RSVP to Heather at [heather@avpc.org](mailto:heather@avpc.org) by January 14.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** On Sunday, January 21, Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters is hosting a blood drive in Altadena Park. No appointment is necessary.
- **MISSION TRIP PHOTOS FOR ART GALLERY:** Missions Conference 2024 will be here soon. As part of our missions emphasis, we would like to have pictures of your past missions trips to display in the Gallery. Please submit pictures to Janet Friday ([janetfriday@mindspring.com](mailto:janetfriday@mindspring.com)) by January 24. Please include information about the pictures - names, date, location, people served.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 7)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                  Brad | Romans 16:1-16  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 4:00 PM     Communicant's Class  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group  
                  Community Groups

## MONDAY (JANUARY 8)

3:00 PM     WTW Bible Study

## TUESDAY (JANUARY 9)

7:00 PM     Diaconate Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 10)

6:15 PM     Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM     Community Groups

## THURSDAY (JANUARY 11)

9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## SATURDAY (JANUARY 13)

8:00 AM     Legacy Museum Trip

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 14)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                  Blake | Romans 16:17-23  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 12:30 PM    Pastoral Search Committee Meeting  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group  
                  Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                  Community Groups  
                  Men's Bible Study - Parker Home  
 6:30 PM     Fellowship Dinner

### SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

#### Spring 2024 Events

January 19 - Membership Night  
 February 7-11 - Missions Conference  
 March 1-2 - Women's Retreat  
 March 31 - Easter Sunday  
 May 5 - Youth Sunday

#### Spring 2024 Fellowship Dinners

January 14 & 21  
 February 4 & 25  
 April 7 & 21

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$80,185	\$1,435,214	\$1,478,469	(\$43,255)
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$45,421	\$332,199	\$332,700	(\$501)

## AVPC VISION

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

## AVPC MISSION

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Bradford E. Allison  
*Senior Pastor*

Stephen Whitner  
*Associate Pastor—Worship*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries*

## CHURCH LEADERS

### ELDERS

Paul Barber Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Brent McClenny Jack Morris  
Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs John Wimberly

### DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs Zac Campbell David Coley Steve Driggers Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson  
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum Josh Moore John Peters Darren Popwell Josh Putman Drew Russell Bill Sommer Ed Wofford

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell  
*Children's Director Nursery Director*

Mary Frances Snyder  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

### YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Michael Whitner  
*Youth Worship Leader*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Heather Sommer  
*Financial Secretary*

Dave Mayhew  
*Facilities Manager*

Hillary Gamble  
*Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*